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The Vision of Obadiah PT1

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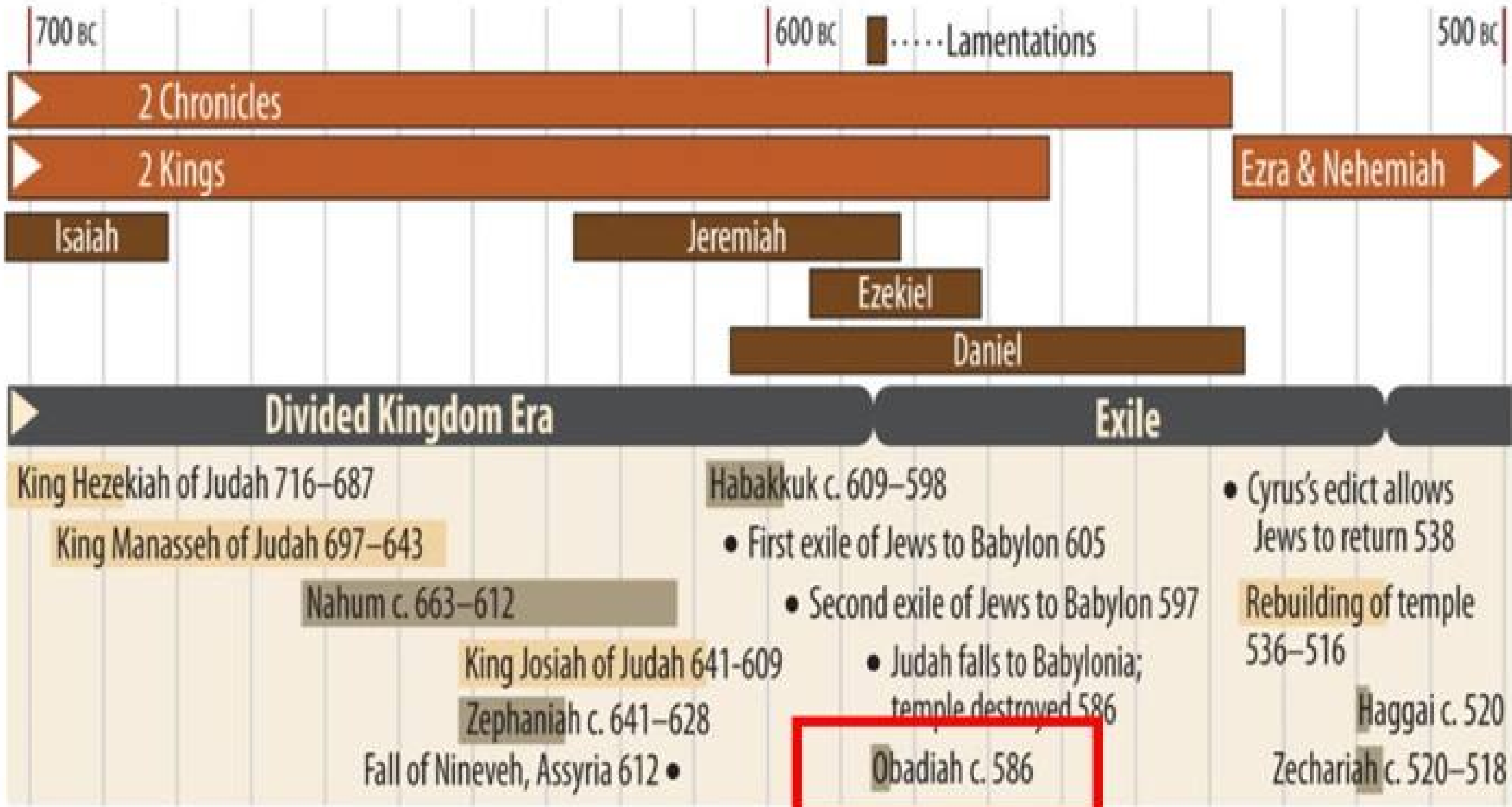
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Justice & Judgment

Bible Study # 01

Obadiah 1:1-9

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Obadiah 853-842 BC
“God’s Servant &
Worshipper



The ancient Edomites formed
an **unholy alliance** with the
Palestinians & the Arabians
To destroy Israel & the Jews

We need to know who “Edom” is
because it will happen again!

The shortest O.T Book

- * **Foretells** Israel’s Future....
- * **Describes** God’s Judgment....
for Irrational Hatred of Jews
&
- * **Declares** Israel’s Eternal destiny



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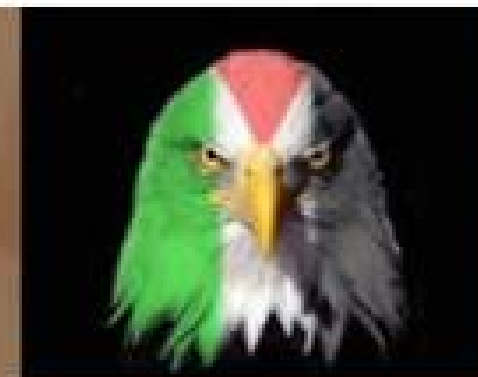
A warning
that God **Remembers sin** and that
a day is coming
when he will **Judge** the whole
world.



Obadiah announces God's End Time judgment against Israel's twin brother Esau – known here as **Edom**. God accuses **Edom** of **violence against his brother Jacob**....not just one event, but systematic, unrelenting, escalating **VIOLENCE** against **ISRAEL**

This indictment included Edom's physical & spiritual descendants for their cruel, sadistic, and horrific crimes against family bloodlines in Genesis....all the way until now. Who are these modern day Edomites?

*The Arab Palestinians
Under Islam*



God's Wrath is over repeated attempts to dispossess His People, the Jews from His Land, Israel & specifically His Holy Mountain in Jerusalem, the Temple Mount.



History records Babylon's Invasion of Israel and the destruction of the Temple in 586 BC. Then the Roman Invasion of Israel and Temple destruction in 70AD. In modern times, Islam has seized the Temple Mount and built the Dome of the Rock & AlAqsa Mosque in its place

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God's Pronouncement of Judgment on Edom:

A Portrait of God's coming judgment on all who oppose Him and His people (vv. 1-9).



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God's Pronouncement of Judgment on Edom:



**A. Nations That Reject God
Disappear into Obscurity.**



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God's Pronouncement of Judgment on Edom:

**The Egyptian Empire.
The Great Persian Empire.
The Greek Empire.
The Great Roman Empire.
The Mighty Soviet Union.**



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God's Pronouncement of Judgment on Edom:

**A. Nations That Reject God
Disappear into Obscurity.**

B. Nations That Honor God Find Refuge.



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God's Pronouncement of Judgment on Edom:

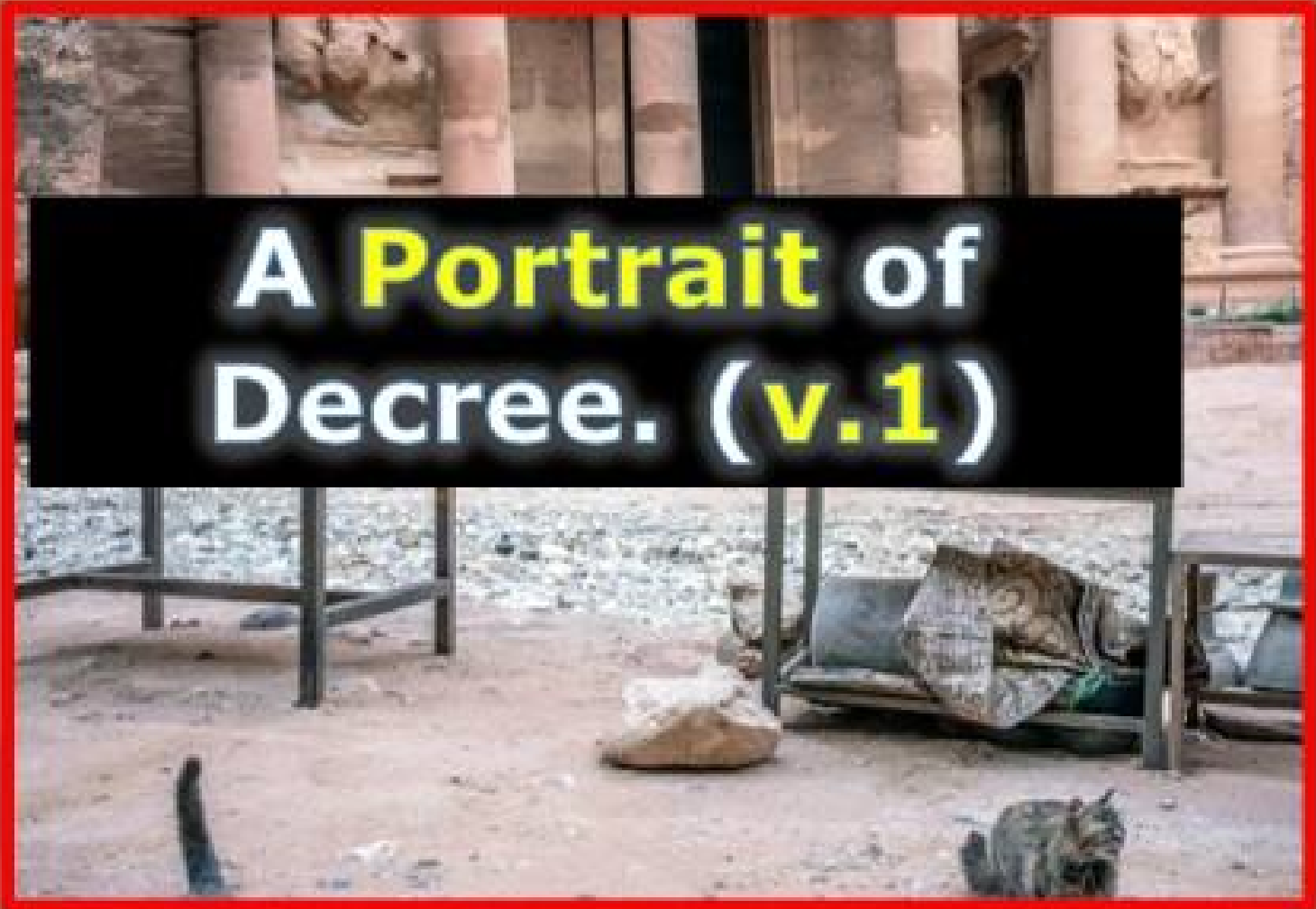
**Blessed is the Nation whose God is
the Lord; and the people whom he hath
Chosen for his own inheritance.**

Ps. 33:12



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God's Pronouncement of Judgment on Edom:



**A Portrait of
Decree. (v.1)**





Obadiah 1:1

¹ The **vision of Obadiah**.
Thus saith the Lord GOD
concerning Edom; We have
heard a rumour from the
LORD, and an ambassador
is sent among the heathen,
Arise ye, and **let us rise
up against her in battle.**
(KJV)

¹ This is the **prophecy of
Obadiah**—what the
Sovereign LORD said about
the nation of Edom. The
LORD has sent his
messenger to the nations,
and we have heard his
message: "Get ready
! **Let us go to war
against Edom!**(TEV)

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God's Pronouncement of Judgment on Edom:

A **Portrait** of a
nation made
Small. (**v.2**)





Obadiah 1:2

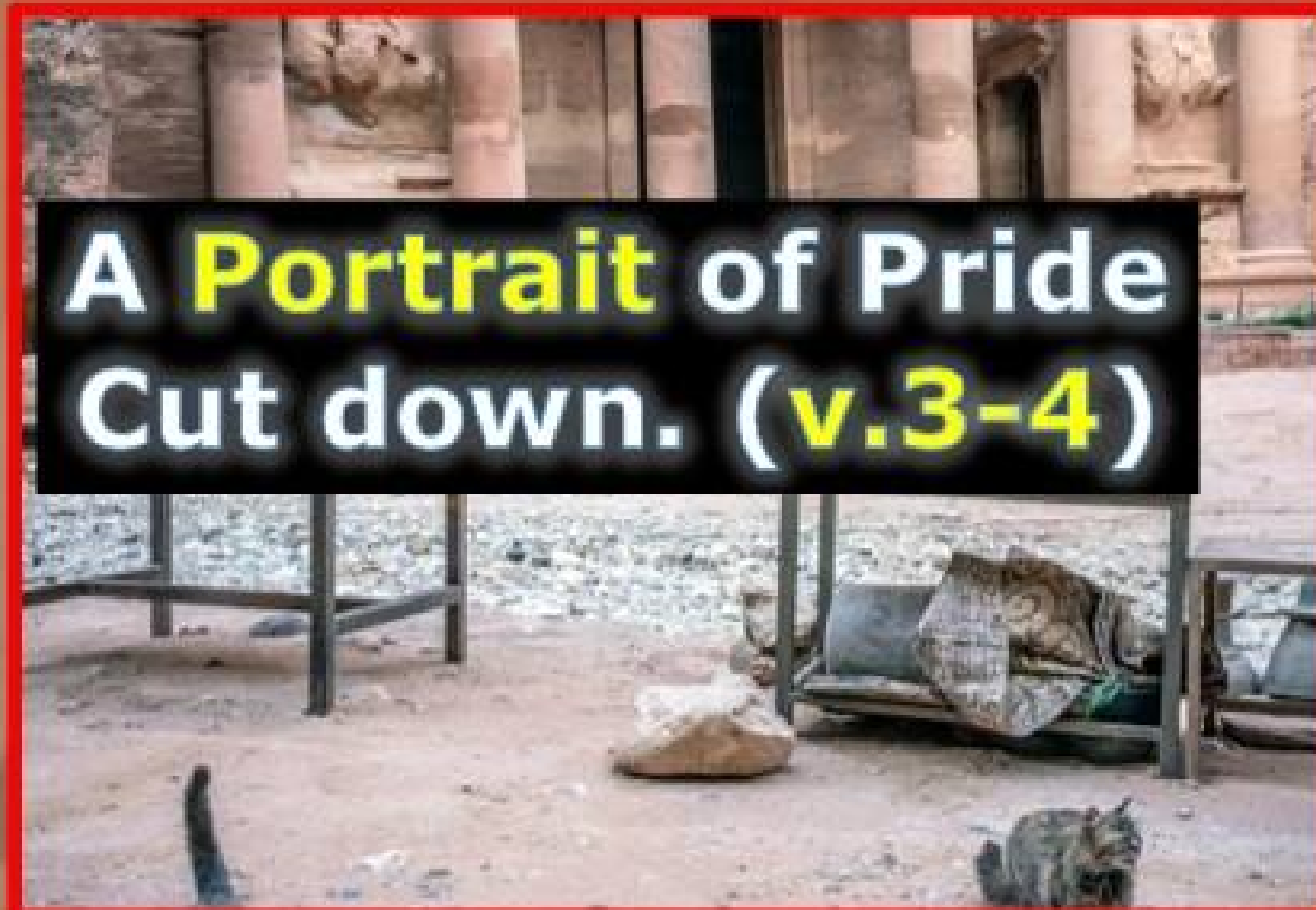
² Behold, I have made thee small among the heathen: thou art greatly despised.
(KJV)

² The LORD says to Edom, "I will make you weak; everyone will despise you."
(TEV)

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God's Pronouncement of Judgment on Edom:

**A Portrait of Pride
Cut down. (v.3-4)**





Obadiah 1:3

³ The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation *is* high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground? (KJV)

³ Your pride has deceived you. Your capital is a fortress of solid rock; your home is high in the mountains, and so you say to yourself, 'Who Can ever pull me down?' (TEV)



Obadiah 1:4

⁴ Though thou exalt
thyself as the eagle,
and though thou set
thy nest among the
stars, thence will **I**
bring thee down,
saith the LORD.
(KJV)

⁴ Even though you make
your home as high as
an eagle's nest, so that
it seems to be among
the stars, yet I will pull
you down. **(TEV)**

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God's Pronouncement of Judgment on Edom:



A Portrait of Possessions & wealth Lost. (v.5-6)



Obadiah 1:5

⁵ If **thieves** came to thee, if **robbers** by night, (how art thou cut off!) would they not have stolen till they had enough? if the grapegatherers came to thee, would they not leave *some* grapes?
(KJV)

⁵ "When thieves come at night, they take only what they want. When people gather grapes, they always leave a few. But your enemies have wiped you out completely. **(TEV)**



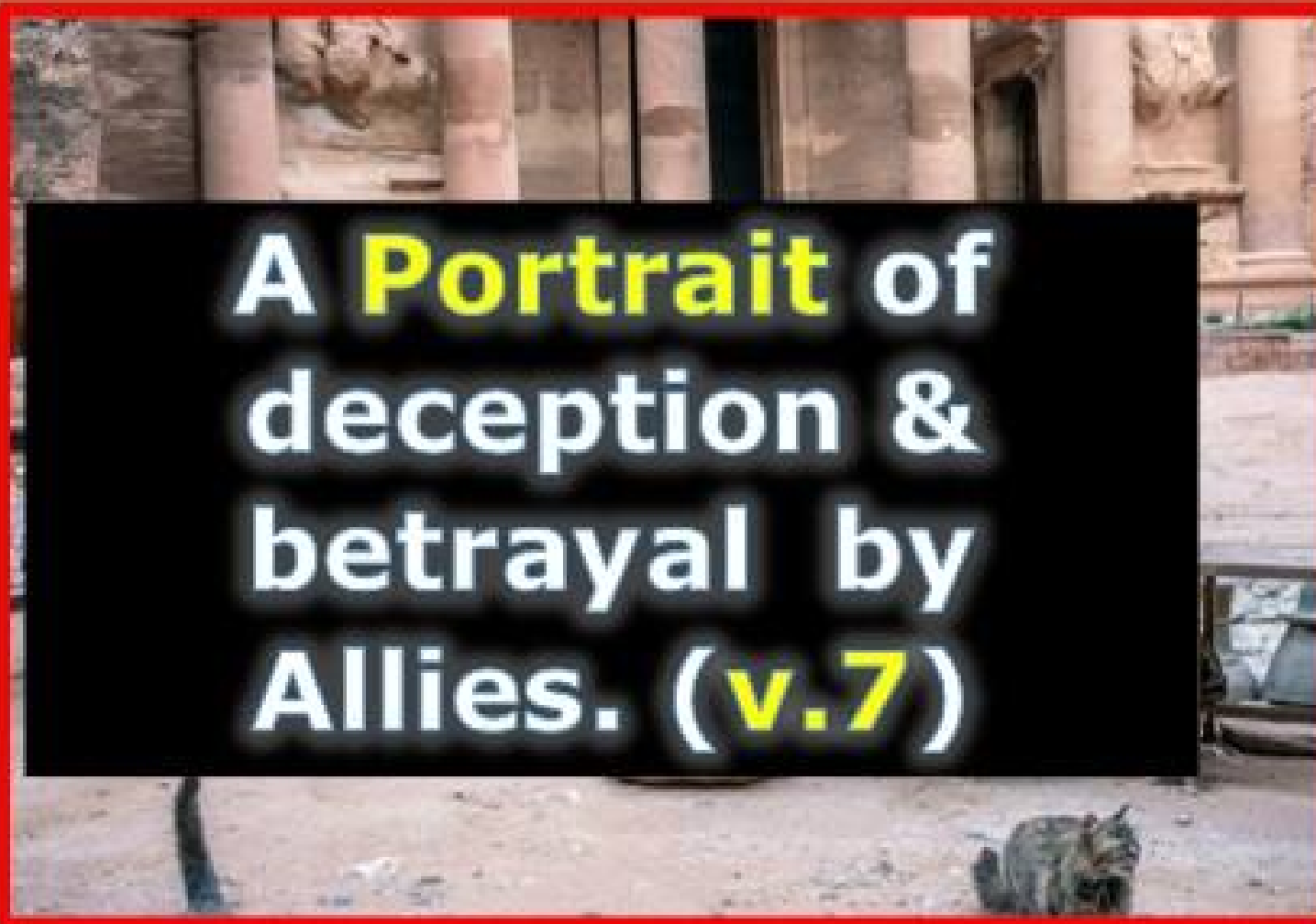

Obadiah 1:6

⁶ How are *the things* of Esau searched out! *how* are his hidden things sought up!
(KJV)

⁶ Descendants of Esau, your treasures have been looted.
(TEV)

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God's Pronouncement of Judgment on Edom:



A **Portrait** of
deception &
betrayal by
Allies. (**v.7**)



Obadiah 1:7

⁷ All the men of thy confederacy have brought thee *even* to the border: the men that were at peace with thee have deceived thee, *and* prevailed against thee; *they that eat thy bread* have laid a wound under thee: *there is none understanding in him.*
(KJV)

⁷ Your allies have deceived you; they have driven you from your country. People who were at peace with you have now conquered you. Those friends who ate with you have laid a trap for you; they say of you, 'Where is all that cleverness he had?'
(TEV)

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God's Pronouncement of Judgment on Edom:

**A Portrait of
Personal Wisdom
Removed. (v.8)**





Obadiah 1:8

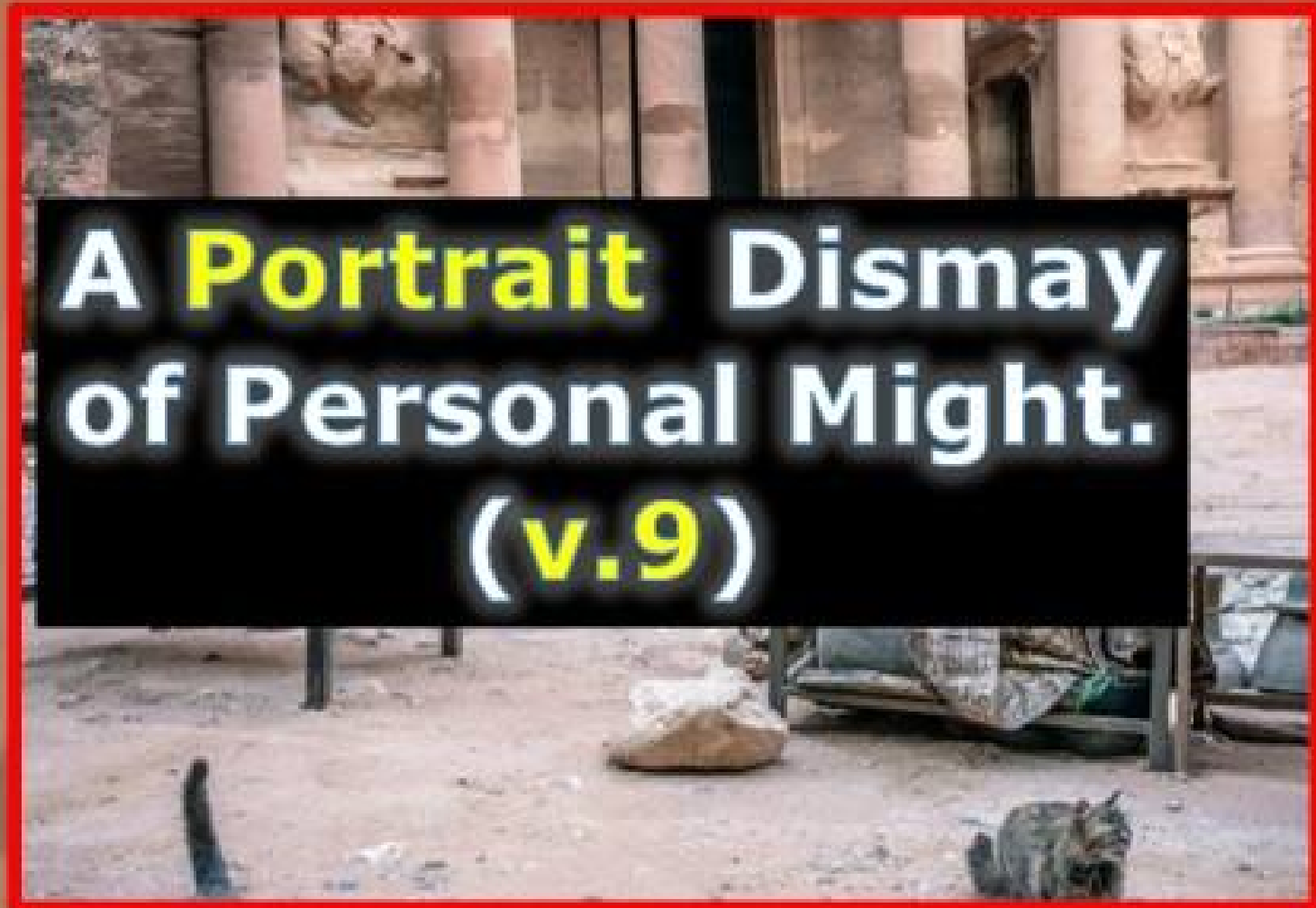
⁸ Shall I not in that day, saith the LORD, even destroy the wise *men* out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau?
(KJV)

⁸ "On the day I punish Edom, I will destroy their clever men and wipe out all their wisdom.
(TEV)

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God's Pronouncement of Judgment on Edom:

A Portrait Dismay
of Personal Might.
(**v.9**)





Obadiah 1:9

⁹ And thy mighty *men*, O Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter. **(KJV)**

⁹ The fighting men of Teman will be terrified, and every soldier in Edom will be killed. **(TEV)**

“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels” (**Mk. 8:36-38**).



Conclusion

Obadiah is a reminder that God is watching, and on the “**day of the Lord**” He will bring judgment upon the nations that have defied Him and blessing on those who have followed Him.

The prophet presented the nations with two roads:

- **a road to ruin**
- **a road to refuge and restoration.**

Just as it was true for the nations, so is it also true for us as individuals.

The path that one takes determines everything about the future that one faces.

Everyone must choose his or her own road, but do not be naïve and believe that God is not watching or aware of the road that we take

A photograph of a stone archway with a narrow gate. The gate is made of metal bars and is slightly ajar, leading to a bright, open landscape with green fields and trees. The archway is made of dark stone and is set against a dark background. The text "Enter through the narrow gate." is overlaid on the image in a red, serif font.

“Enter through the narrow gate.”

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